

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

## **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

preliminary amendment:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of <u>Rajinder Dhindsa</u>, <u>Mukund Srinivsan</u>, <u>Aaron Epler and Eric Lenz</u> for <u>STEPPED UPPER ELECTRODE FOR PLASMA PROCESSING UNIFORMITY</u>.

Also	enclosed are:				
[X]	16_ sheet(s) of [X] formal [ ] informal drawing(s);				
[]	a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is [ ] hereby made to $\_$ filed in $\_$ on $\_$ ;				
	[ ] in the declaration;				
[]	a certified copy of the priority document;				
[]	a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;				
[]	an Assignment document;				
[]	an Information Disclosure Statement; and				
[]	Other:				
[X]	An [X] executed [ ] unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)				
	[X] also is enclosed [ ] will follow.				
[]	Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentenceThis application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to _ filed in _ on _; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference				
[]	A bibliographic data entry sheet is enclosed.				
[]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.				
[X]	The filing fee has been calculated as follows [ ] and in accordance with the enclosed				



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	No. Of Claims		Extra Claims	RATE	Fee
Basic Application Fee					
Total Claims	31	MINUS 20 =	11	× \$18.00 (103) =	198.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$80.00 (102) =	<del></del>
If multiple dependent cla	aims are prese	nted, add \$270.00	(104)		
Total Application Fee					
If small entity status is c	laimed, subtra	ct 50% of Total A	pplication Fee	;	
Add Assignment Record	ling Fee \$ if A	ssignment docume	nt is enclosed		
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					908.00

[]	This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.				
[X]	A check in the amount of \$ 908 is enclosed for the fee due.				
[]	Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.				
[X]	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate				

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